

Table 12. Reasons for not Voting, by Sex, Age, Race and Hispanic Origin: November 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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(In thousands)

Reasons for not voting	Total non-voting registered population		Sex			
			Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All reasons	18,724	100.0	8,814	100.0	9,909	100.0
Illness or disability (own or family's)	2,765	14.8	871	9.9	1,894	19.1
Out of town or away from home	1,916	10.2	1,173	13.3	744	7.5
Forgot to vote (or send in absentee ballot)	742	4.0	339	3.8	404	4.1
Not interested, felt vote would not make a difference	2,292	12.2	1,139	12.9	1,153	11.6
Too busy, conflicting schedule	3,917	20.9	1,983	22.5	1,934	19.5
Transportation problems	443	2.4	138	1.6	305	3.1
Did not like candidates or campaign issues	1,443	7.7	678	7.7	766	7.7
Registration problems	1,284	6.9	539	6.1	745	7.5
Bad weather conditions	119	0.6	22	0.2	97	1.0
Inconvenient polling place or hours or lines too long	489	2.6	232	2.6	257	2.6
Other reason, not specified	1,901	10.2	889	10.1	1,012	10.2
Refused or don't know	1,412	7.5	814	9.2	598	6.0

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Reasons for not voting	Total non-voting registered population		Age							
			18 to 24 years		25 to 44 years		45 to 64 years		65 years and over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All reasons	18,724	100.0	3,487	100.0	8,031	100.0	4,409	100.0	2,796	100.0
Illness or disability (own or family's)	2,765	14.8	116	3.3	588	7.3	656	14.9	1,406	50.3
Out of town or away from home	1,916	10.2	431	12.4	816	10.2	473	10.7	196	7.0
Forgot to vote (or send in absentee ballot)	742	4.0	264	7.6	250	3.1	177	4.0	51	1.8
Not interested, felt vote would not make a difference	2,292	12.2	428	12.3	1,050	13.1	546	12.4	268	9.6
Too busy, conflicting schedule	3,917	20.9	834	23.9	2,178	27.1	823	18.7	82	2.9
Transportation problems	443	2.4	79	2.3	145	1.8	104	2.4	115	4.1
Did not like candidates or campaign issues	1,443	7.7	193	5.5	617	7.7	453	10.3	180	6.4
Registration problems	1,284	6.9	318	9.1	603	7.5	243	5.5	120	4.3
Bad weather conditions	119	0.6	16	0.5	27	0.3	24	0.5	52	1.9
Inconvenient polling place or hours or lines too long	489	2.6	81	2.3	279	3.5	103	2.3	25	0.9
Other reason, not specified	1,901	10.2	342	9.8	922	11.5	441	10.0	196	7.0
Refused or don't know	1,412	7.5	385	11.0	556	6.9	366	8.3	105	3.8

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Reasons for not voting	Race/Hispanic Origin			
	White non-Hispanic		Hispanic origin	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All reasons	14,120	100.0	1,612	100.0
Illness or disability (own or family's)	2,086	14.8	255	15.8
Out of town or away from home	1,581	11.2	96	6.0
Forgot to vote (or send in absentee ballot)	496	3.5	77	4.8
Not interested, felt vote would not make a difference	1,756	12.4	162	10.1
Too busy, conflicting schedule	2,885	20.4	447	27.7
Transportation problems	261	1.9	43	2.7
Did not like candidates or campaign issues	1,234	8.7	78	4.8
Registration problems	988	7.0	111	6.9
Bad weather conditions	79	0.6	21	1.3
Inconvenient polling place or hours or lines too long	399	2.8	42	2.6
Other reason, not specified	1,394	9.9	152	9.4
Refused or don't know	959	6.8	127	7.9

Note: Hispanics may be of any race

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Reasons for not voting	Race					
	White		Black		Asian and Pacific Islander	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All reasons	15,674	100.0	2,431	100.0	425	100.0
Illness or disability (own or family's)	2,327	14.8	363	14.9	53	12.5
Out of town or away from home	1,669	10.6	176	7.2	55	13.0
Forgot to vote (or send in absentee ballot)	570	3.6	144	5.9	11	2.7
Not interested, felt vote would not make a difference	1,908	12.2	308	12.7	61	14.3
Too busy, conflicting schedule	3,324	21.2	450	18.5	106	24.9
Transportation problems	303	1.9	133	5.5	-	-
Did not like candidates or campaign issues	1,312	8.4	86	3.5	24	5.7
Registration problems	1,091	7.0	152	6.3	23	5.4
Bad weather conditions	100	0.6	16	0.6	-	-
Inconvenient polling place or hours or lines too long	441	2.8	42	1.7	6	1.4
Other reason, not specified	1,546	9.9	284	11.7	47	11.1
Refused or don't know	1,083	6.9	277	11.4	38	9.0

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Reasons for not voting	Total non-voting registered population		Educational Attainment							
			Not high school graduate		High school graduate		Some college		Bachelor's degree or more	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All reasons	18,724	100.0	3,677	100.0	7,120	100.0	5,362	100.0	2,564	100.0
Illness or disability (own or family's)	2,765	14.8	1,012	27.5	986	13.9	517	9.6	250	9.8
Out of town or away from home	1,916	10.2	197	5.4	606	8.5	665	12.4	447	17.4
Forgot to vote (or send in absentee ballot)	742	4.0	147	4.0	261	3.7	256	4.8	79	3.1
Not interested, felt vote would not make a difference	2,292	12.2	541	14.7	987	13.9	544	10.2	219	8.5
Too busy, conflicting schedule	3,917	20.9	494	13.4	1,512	21.2	1,337	24.9	573	22.4
Transportation problems	443	2.4	185	5.0	162	2.3	83	1.6	12	0.5
Did not like candidates or campaign issues	1,443	7.7	276	7.5	634	8.9	391	7.3	142	5.5
Registration problems	1,284	6.9	172	4.7	379	5.3	433	8.1	301	11.7
Bad weather conditions	119	0.6	40	1.1	47	0.7	24	0.4	8	0.3
Inconvenient polling place or hours or lines too long	489	2.6	53	1.5	198	2.8	161	3.0	77	3.0
Other reason, not specified	1,901	10.2	343	9.3	796	11.2	492	9.2	270	10.5
Refused or don't know	1,412	7.5	217	5.9	552	7.8	458	8.5	185	7.2